



EXPLANATION OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL
 Area having resource potential for precious-metal deposits in epiclastic sediments—See table 32 for scoring of recognition criteria
6 High potential—Area 6
5 Moderate potential—Area 5
4 Low potential—Areas 2-4
1 Geologic terrane having no resource potential for precious-metal deposits in epiclastic sediments—Area 1
 Dewey mine

LIST OF GEOLOGIC TERRANES
 al Alluvial terrane
 pl Eocene Plutonic terrane
 vo Challis volcanic terrane
 ba Idaho batholith terrane
 bs Black shale terrane
 ca Carbonate terrane
 ms Proterozoic terrane
 Trans-Challis fault system terrane
 Regions of overlap between carbonate terrane and black shale terrane
 Mostly rock glaciers; alluvial fans; landslide debris; talus; and terminal, end, and lateral moraines. Also includes Miocene volcanic and sedimentary rocks and noncarbonate roof pendants in the Idaho batholith of undivided (Paleozoic? or Proterozoic?) age
 Terrane boundary
 Boundaries of calderas and other volcano-tectonic structures—Dashed where approximately located

DEFINITIONS OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL
High mineral resource potential exists in areas where geologic, geochemical, and geophysical characteristics favorable for resource accumulation are known to be present, or where enough of these characteristics are present to give strong support to genetic models favorable for resource accumulation and where evidence shows that mineral concentration—mineralization in the broad sense—has taken place (Taylor and Steven, 1983, p. 1269).
Moderate mineral resource potential exists in areas where geologic, geochemical, and geophysical characteristics favorable for resource accumulation are known or can reasonably be inferred to be present but where evidence for mineralization is less clear or has not yet been found (Taylor and Steven, 1983, p. 1269).
Low mineral resource potential exists in areas where geologic, geochemical, and geophysical characteristics are unfavorable, where evidence indicates that mineral concentrations are unlikely, or where requirements for genetic models cannot be supported (Taylor and Steven, 1983, p. 1269).
Unknown mineral resource potential exists where the level of knowledge, at an appropriate scale, is so inadequate that to classify potential as high, moderate, or low would be misleading (Taylor and Steven, 1983, p. 1269).
 In some instances an assignment of no mineral resource potential for a particular ore deposit type or types has been given to specific areas within the Challis quadrangle. In these cases the occurrence of the particular ore deposit type is dependent on the presence of a specific lithology. Known absence of the required rock type precludes the occurrence of the ore deposit.

Base modified from U.S. Geological Survey, 1957
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 100,000-foot grids based on Idaho coordinate system, central and west zones

SCALE 1:250,000
 0 5 10 15 20 25 MILES
 0 5 10 15 20 25 KILOMETERS

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 1985 MAGNETIC DECLINATION VARIES FOR THIS SHEET FROM 16°30' EASTERLY FOR THE CENTER OF THE WEST EDGE TO 16°10' FOR THE CENTER OF THE EAST EDGE. MEAN ANNUAL CHANGE IS 5' WESTERLY

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